

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13277–S13341

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2885–2893, S. Res. 376, and S. Con. Res. 48. **Pages S13319–20**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010.” (S. Rept. No. 111–109)

H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America.

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village.

S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen’s associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry.

S. 1672, to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000.

S. 1790, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with amendments. **Page S13319**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, honoring the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the 10th anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein. **Pages S13340–41**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of mem-

bers of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13280–95**

Rejected:

Hutchison Motion to commit to the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 379), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S13280, S13295**

Withdrawn:

Sanders Amendment No. 2837 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system. **Pages S13290–95**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13280**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13295–S13314**

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S13295**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with Amendment No. 3248 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S13295**

Senator Reid entered a motion to refer the amendment of the House to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3249, to provide for a study. **Pages S13295–96**

Reid Amendment No. 3252 (to Reid Amendment No. 3248), to change the enactment date. **Page S13295**

Reid Amendment No. 3250 (to Amendment No. 3249), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13296**

Reid Amendment No. 3251 (to Amendment No. 3250), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13296**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 18, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2009; provided further, that the first hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Republicans controlling the first half hour and the Majority controlling the second half.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—379)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13341.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America;

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village;

S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen's associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry;

A resolution to authorize watershed projects in Massachusetts and West Virginia; and

The nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit: Senators Stabenow (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Nelson (NE), Casey, Bennet, Cornyn, Cochran, McConnell, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology: Senators Bennet (Chair), Conrad, Nelson (NE), Brown, Klobuchar, Stabenow, Gillibrand, Thune, Lugar, Roberts, Johanns, Grassley, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition, and Family Farms: Senators Brown (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Baucus, Stabenow, Casey, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Conrad, Baucus, Brown, Roberts, Cochran, Johanns, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant & Animal Health: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Klobuchar, Johanns, Lugar, McConnell, and Roberts.

Senator Lincoln and Senator Chambliss serve as ex officio members of all subcommittees.

JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the assessment by the Joint Estimating Team of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Christine H. Fox, Director, and Frederick Janicki, Division Director, Weapons Systems Cost Analysis Division, both of the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Major General David R. Heinz, USMC, Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: